

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2013**



The general meeting of April 8, 2013 was held at 10:00 a.m. at the Hall of Administration, 500 W. Temple Street, Room 830, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Present: Tomas Benitez
Pamela Bright-Moon
Laurel Karabian
Harold Karpman
Bettina Korek
Peter Lesnik
Mattie McFadden-Lawson
Alis Clausen Odenthal
Jesus Reyes
Ronald Rosen
Araceli Ruano

Absent: Betty Haagen
Hope Warschaw

Staff Present: Laura Zucker, Executive Director
Miriam Gonzalez, Executive Assistant
Leticia Buckley, Director of Communications
Margaret Bruning, Director of Civic Art
Adam Davis, Managing Director of the Ford Theatres
Denise Grande, Director of Arts Education
Sofia Klatzker, Director of Grants and Professional Development
Erin Harkey, Project Manager, Civic Art
Pauline Kamiyama, Sr. Project Manager, Civic Art
Letitia Ivins Fernandez, Assistant Director of Civic Art

Also Present Supervisor Don Knabe
Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Steve Napolitano, Arts Deputy
Randi Tahara, Arts Deputy
Bennett Laurrell
Nick Laurrell
Vincent Beggs
Kathleen Thurmond

President McFadden-Lawson called the general meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Absentee Excuses

Roll was taken and on a motion by Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, seconded by Commissioner Lesnik, the excused absences for the meeting of April 8, 2013 were unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Rosen, seconded by Commissioner Karpman, the minutes for the meeting of March 11, 2013 were unanimously approved.

Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas thanked Mattie McFadden-Lawson for her service as President during 2012-2013 and presented her with a scroll.

Supervisor Knabe congratulated Peter Lesnik and administered the oath of office to the 2013-14 officers. The following slates of officers were installed:

Peter Lesnik, President
Jesus Reyes, Vice President
Harold Karpman, Secretary
Bettina Korek, Executive Committee
Mattie McFadden-Lawson, Immediate Past President

Correspondence

None.

President's Items

President Lesnik made the following committee liaison appointments:

Jesus Reyes, Ford Theatre Foundation
Harold Karpman, Arts Internship Program
Mattie McFadden-Lawson, Arts Education Executive Committee
Pamela Bright-Moon, Holiday Celebration

President Lesnik made the following 2013/14 Civic Art Committee appointments:

Tomas Benitez, First District
Mattie McFadden-Lawson, Second District
Hope Warschaw, Third District
Laurel Karabian, Fourth District
Bettina Korek, Fifth District

President Lesnik updated commissioners on the transition to electronic agenda packets for the coming year to save on expense and efficiency.

Commissioners opted to receive the upcoming panel comment binders in hard copy format with the exception of Commissioners Lesnik and Reyes who will receive electronic copies.

Executive Director's Report

Laura Zucker distributed a budget status update informing the commissioners on the current recommendations for 2013/14 budget by the CEO to the Board of Supervisors.

Commissioners discussed current and future budget priorities for the Arts Commission.

Ford Pre Season Report

Adam Davis, Managing Director of Productions, gave a preview of the 2013 Ford summer season, distributed the mini-season brochure and highlighted some of performances for the season. He also discussed the *Zev Yaroslavsky Signature Series* and fundraising events in connection with the signature series to support the Ford Theatre Foundation.

Willowbrook Civic Art Project Update

Margaret Bruning, Civic Art Director, and Erin Harkey, Project Manager, gave an overview of the the Willowbrook Civic Art Project in the Second District. The Willowbrook project is part of the Second District's master plan to renovate the Martin Luther King Hospital Campus and neighborhood. It includes the County's first \$1 million civic art project allocation.

Arts Education Update

Denise Grande, Director of Arts Education, gave an overview of current national and state trends in arts education following trips to Washington D.C. and meetings with legislators dealing with arts education legislation.

Commissioner Items

Commissioner Bright-Moon reported KCET aired an Artbound segment on the Del Aire Fruit Park in the Second District and she congratulated Letitia Ivins Fernandez for her work on the project.

President Lesnik thanked Commissioner McFadden-Lawson for her contributions and for a job well done under her leadership as President during the past year.

Public Comment

None.

The Arts Commission meeting of April 8, 2013 was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. on motion by Commissioner McFadden-Lawson, seconded by Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, and unanimously approved.